

specified except that all cards within a deck be of the same size and that all die be of the same size and weight within each dice set.

Additional markings or changes in value indexes could be used to create additional categories or subcategories of cards or to further distinguish among cards of the same value. Alternative colors or suit symbols could be substituted for those shown and described, or color groups could be indicated by changing background color instead of the foreground indicia.

In any form, this present invention and the Toss & DoubleCross™ family of games provides a reasonable alternative to conventional card decks, capable of supporting a multitude of games, with numerous advantages, including greater flexibility, superior game play, plus adding more appropriate foundations for strategy and tactical decision making with a high degree of novelty.

It is understood that as used herein, the term "card game" is intended to include conventional table/board type games wherein one or more persons deals actual playing cards to one or more players, as well as any type of mechanical or electronic device which displays indicia of playing cards. The spirit of this present invention embraces any gaming device having keyboard (key pad) input, or electronic touch sensitive device input or screen input, to select, distribute, move and/or calculate values of images represented herein by a player or players. Also, any gaming device wherein input from a player is supplied even though the "opponent" may be a computing device. A deck of cards, tiles, or pieces of any shape could be simulated on any image producing device, of any size, i.e., a home video game machine, a dedicated arcade machine, a hand-held device, or any electronic device (disk, tape, cable system, closed-circuit, etc.) connected to a conventional television or similar display.

The principles, preferred embodiments and modes of operation of the present invention have been described in the foregoing specification. However, the invention which is intended to be protected is not to be construed as limited to the particular embodiments disclosed. The embodiments are to be regarded as illustrative rather than restrictive. Variations, changes and revisions may be made by others without departing from the spirit of the present invention. Accordingly, it is categorically intended that all such variations, changes, and equivalents which follow in the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined in the claims be thereby embraced.

What we claim as our invention is:

1. Unique card decks for one or more players, comprising: a plurality of cards with a Boss Joker or replacement Boss Joker designated by indicia of all suits, over a plurality of named jokers, suits and nulls, wherein said named jokers are each named after one of the fundamental colors of the deck, among any different fundamental colors, wherein said named colors are the designated colors of a plurality of suits, two suits per fundamental color, each suit of said suit pair being enveloped by a fundamental color, linked to a single, two-suited, joker by indicia and suit color, wherein each suit has equal sets of distinct indicia and all suits display the hierarchical sequence and values of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King and Ace, with non-suited null cards having no designated color or value markings, wherein said assemblage of cards is used for playing, trick taking, melding, scoring, placing or collecting wagers.

2. Games of cards, dice, tiles or spinning reels for play by at least one player, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, comprising: game rules encompassing a plurality of cards, dice or computer images with suits paired by color, constituting three or more pairs of suits, each distinct suit of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by fundamental color to a joker reflecting the two different distinct suit indicia and color, with one Boss Joker or replacement Boss Joker, empowered by all of the fundamental colors and indicia of all suits, wherein said plurality of suits have a hierarchical sequence, with the Boss Joker above all cards in power with the assemblage of jokers, suits and null cards used for playing, trick taking, melding, scoring, placing or collecting wagers.

3. Board and peg devices for scoring by at least one player, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained to provide an ongoing method of scoring to a total of 800 or more points, comprising: said scoring is accomplished within a board, made of wood, plastic, or similar materials, or image thereof, with three columns of holes, ten holes designated for one values, ten holes designated for ten values, eight holes designated for hundred values, with additional holes designated for the upright storage of said pegs, exact size and shape of the boards and or pegs are not important.

4. The standard card deck derivative of claim 1, further comprising distinct indicia on a master joker asserting it is the "Boss Joker" over three other jokers, one joker for each of the three fundamental colors found within the groupings of the six distinct suits, with suit color and suit indicia linked to single jokers by distinct indicia and the color displayed on each of the three jokers, where each joker's color name precedes the word joker, for example, "Black" Joker, "Red" Joker, or "Blue" Joker respectively on each of the three different jokers with additional distinct indicia on the Boss Joker reflecting "Boss" Joker and all three fundamental colors (of any three fundamental colors) of the deck plus the six different sets of suit indicia (of any six sets of indicia) wherein the six suits of cards, of three fundamental suit colors, paired into two suits per color, each said suit of six said sets includes thirteen cards for a subtotal of 78 cards, increasing to 84 cards including the four jokers and two nulls, said suits each having a hierarchical sequence representing 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King, and Ace, with each standard deck comprising;

- (a) two cards each having no indicia value or distinct color on their front face thereof, representing no suit or value other than null (no value or power);
- (b) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 2 (two);
- (c) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 3 (three);
- (d) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 4 (four);
- (e) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 5 (five);
- (f) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 6 (six);
- (g) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 7 (seven);
- (h) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 8 (eight);

- (i) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 9 (nine);
- (j) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 10 (ten);
- (k) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Jack;
- (l) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Queen;
- (m) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of King;
- (n) six cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Ace;
- (o) three joker cards each having two distinct suit indicia and color;
- (p) one Boss Joker card having the distinct indicia of all six suits and all three colors;
- (q) each of said cards in paragraphs (a) through (p) above wherein the rear face of said cards are identical.

5. The premium card deck derivative of claim 1, further comprising distinct indicia on a master joker asserting it is the eight-suited "Boss Joker" over a lesser, six-suited Boss Joker and over four other jokers, one joker for each of the four fundamental colors found within the groupings of the eight distinct suits, with suit color and suit indicia linked to single jokers by distinct indicia and the color displayed on each of the four jokers, where each joker's color name precedes the word joker, for example, "Black" Joker, "Red" Joker, "Blue" Joker or "Green" Joker respectively on each of the four different jokers with additional distinct indicia on the Boss Joker reflecting "Boss" Joker and all four fundamental colors (of any four fundamental colors) of the deck plus the eight different sets of suit indicia (of any eight sets of indicia) wherein the eight suits of cards, of four fundamental suit colors, paired into two suits per color, each said suit of eight said sets includes thirteen cards for a subtotal 104 cards, increasing to 113 cards including six jokers, (boss, replacement boss, plus four jokers of color) and three nulls, said suits each having a hierarchical sequence representing 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King, and Ace, with each premium deck comprising:

- (a) three cards each having no indicia value or distinct color on their front face thereof, representing no suit or value other than null (no value or power);
- (b) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 2 (two);
- (c) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 3 (three);
- (d) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 4 (four);
- (e) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 5 (five);
- (f) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 6 (six);
- (g) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 7 (seven);
- (h) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 8 (eight);

- (i) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 9 (nine);
- (j) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of 10 (ten);
- (k) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Jack;
- (l) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Queen;
- (m) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of King;
- (n) eight cards each having distinct indicia and identifiable color on the front face thereof representing the suit set and a second indicia set representing a rank of Ace;
- (o) four joker cards each having two distinct indicia and colors;
- (p) one Boss Joker card having the distinct indicia of six suits and all three colors;
- (q) one replacement Boss Joker card having the distinct indicia of all eight suits and four colors;
- (r) each of said cards in paragraphs (a) through (q) above wherein the rear face of said cards are identical.

6. Computerized/electro-mechanical sessions of the games of claim 2, further comprising, wherein scoring means keeping an ongoing display or calculation of the values of cards played, tricks taken and or melded as points, wherein said scoring can be done by a computer, an electro-mechanical device, or by the use of an image of a playing and scoring system, peg boards, pegs and or dice; said scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a card, hand or game.

7. The board and peg device of claim 3, further comprising, wherein a number of pegs are provided, in multiples of at least two each, for each of the fundamental colors of the card deck.

8. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a rummy-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

9. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a spades-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

10. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a hearts-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting

or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

11. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a poker-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards forming six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three or four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked, by fundamental color, to a joker of the same fundamental color, with one Boss Joker or replacement Boss Joker, empowered by all fundamental colors, wherein said plurality of cards have a hierarchical sequence with the Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits and null cards used for playing, trick taking melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

12. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a draw poker-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards forming six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three or four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked, by fundamental color, to a joker of the same fundamental color, with one Boss Joker or replacement Boss Joker, empowered by all fundamental colors, wherein said plurality of cards have a hierarchical sequence with the Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits and null cards used for playing, trick taking melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

13. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a blackjack-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards forming six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three or four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked, by fundamental color, to a joker of the same fundamental color, with one Boss Joker or replacement Boss Joker, empowered by all fundamental colors, wherein said plurality of cards have a hierarchical sequence with the Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits and null cards used for playing, trick taking melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

14. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein an acey-deucey-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

15. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a canasta-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

16. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a sheep's head-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

17. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a solitaire-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

18. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a cribbage-like card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.

19. A card game of claim 2, further comprising, wherein a "Toss The BOSS" card game is played, wherein rules are followed and scores maintained, scoring also pertaining to possible collecting or paying off wagers placed on the out come of a hand or game, using a plurality of cards formed by null cards, jokers and six to eight suits, constituting pairs of suits, each of said suit pair being enveloped by a single color of one of the three to four fundamental colors of the deck, each pair of suits being linked by a single fundamental color to a distinct joker with indicia representing two suits of the same fundamental color, with a Boss Joker above all in hierarchical succession of the sets of suits used for playing, trick taking, melding or scoring in a standard or deluxe format with the use of jokers and nulls being optional.